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RUSSIA'S OIL

(Winchester Star)

While the world waits for Russia to drop the other shoe, those whose job in Washington is to anticipate the future are concerning themselves with what may be expected when and if the shoe is dropped. Is Formoso next? Or will the Bear lumber into Yugoslavia to smother Comrade Tito in bone-crushing embrace? What about Iran, Indo-China, the Middle East, Western Germany, Turkey?

One key question at the moment is: What does Russia need? Stalin and Company have made no secret of the fact that they want revenge on Tito and that they want the prestige that annexation of Yugoslavia would bring. But these are wants, not needs. One thing Russia needs is oil.

Russian oil capacity suffered badly World War II. The oil regions in the northern Caucasus - the Maikop and Gronzy field - which accounted for about 15 per cent of the entire oil production of the country, were either occupied by the Germans or were under bombardment," Solomon Schwartz, Russian affairs authority, has reported. "In both areas the oil industry was largely destroyed . . . A considerable portion of the prepared oil field of the Baku area (main Russian production area prior to World War II) was exhausted during the war, and the oil production in Baku decreased sharply . . the modest figure envisaged for 1950 in the . . Fourth Five Year Plan suggests how low the present output is."

Russia withdrew troops from Iran in 1946 under United Nations pressure only after negotiating a treaty giving Russi. oil concessions. But the Iranian parliament (Majlis) refused to ratify the treaty, and Russia got no oil.

Total Russian oil reserves, according to the Oil and Gas Journal, are 4.3 billion barrels, or 5.49 per cent of the world total. U. S. reserves at the end of 1949, according to the same source, are 25.9 billion barrels, or 33 per cent of the world reserves. Moreover, seven principal companies—five American, one British, and one Duth-Shell—have been estimated to control about 90 per cent of the total foreign oil reserves exclusive of Russia.

In 1949, Russia was producing crude oil at a rate of 640 thousand barrels a day, as compared to 751 thousand a day in 1944 and 651 thousand in 1941. In 1949, the U. S. was producing at the rate of 5.8 million barrels a day; in 1941, 3.7 million barrels.

All current figures on Russian industry are conjectural. No figures are available on Russian oil consumption. In normal times, the average American uses nine times as much petroleum as the average Russian. Russia is squeezing her satellites. Most of the Rumanian daily production of 82 thousand barrels and the Austrian of 17 thousand goes to Russia. The two major items in American petroleum consumption —gasoline for cars and oil for space heating—are negligible factors in Russia.

Oil is a first concern in war. At the time of the Battle of the Bulge, Gen. Eisenhower's armies used a million gallons of gasoline every 24 hours. In World War II, the United States supplied 83 per cent of all oil used by the Allies.

According to Rear Adm. Burton B. Biggs, executive secretary of the Munitions Board Petroleum Committee, in a major war "all the oil production of the Western Hemisphere would be required to meet the requirements of the United States Military forces and essential civilian demand of the hemisphere, with some allowances for the allies."

LAWN TIPS GIVEN BY HORTICULTURIST

Want a better lawn next year? Now's the time to do something about it, says Albert S. Beecher, landscape gardening specialist at V. P. I. Beecher advises home owners to check on the condition of lawns now. Chemical weed killers will eliminate many weeds, but are no substitute for a good lawn fertilization program.

Follow weed killers with an application of fertilizer in late August or early September. Even if your lawn is free of weeds, apply some fertilizer to keep the turf strong and vigorous.

If you plan to start a new lawn this fall, get the grading completed as soon as possible so you will be ready to sow the seed in August or early September. Except where it is hard to grow blue grass, Virginians are advised to seed 80 per cent (by weight) Kentucky blue grass, and 20 per cent red top.

A light mulch of wheat straw spread over the soil after the seed is sown will help get a good stand.

Beecher also says that now is the time to order bulbs for crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths, tupils, and narcissus, for planting in October and November.

INEIT ADVICE

(The Boston Post)

Following up the fantastic statement issued a few days ago by the four Republican Senators of the foreign relations committee that our present difficulties in Korea and other areas throughout the world were due to the fact that the Democratic administration did not realize what Mr. Stalin planned to do since 1945, Harold E. Stassen, recent Republican candidate for the nomination for President, puts forth some inept and unnecessary advice.

Mr. Stassen calls for a new American foreign policy. He says the United States cannot afford to permit Russia to get back off other nations one by one, but that Moscow should be warned that it would be held responsible for any new aggression. Looking back over the record it would seem, that while we were not directly accused Russia of any overt action, we have played our part as a member of the United Nations in tutrning back aggression wherever it showed its hand.

We sent arms and aid in substanceial amount to Greece and turkey when they were threatened. We sent over billions under the Marshall Plan to aid in the recovery of western Europe, and we are committed to continue aid in a large way to rearm these democracies. Our State Department is mainly responsible for the formation of the North Atlantic Pact and the welding together of the members of this pact to form a general western European alliance to resist Red aggression.

Finally, making good our pledge as a member of the United Nations to aid in keeping the peace of the world, we have sent our own forces to fight in Korea. What should we have gained at any time in these past five years if, instead of following the policy we have followed, we should have directly threatened Russia with open war? We and Russia are both members of the United Nations. We have faithfully played the part assigned to a loyal member of that organization, and it must be pretty clear to the other nations of the world that Russia has defaulted her pledge. Within the framework of the United Nations we hope to make a peaceful world. If we should accept Mr. Stassen's advice, it would mean that we should have to go it alone in policing the world.

In somewhat similar vein, Republican Congressman Coudert of New York has introduced a resolution in the House calling upon the President to tell the American people specifically what the United States would do in the event of new communist aggression elsewhere in the world; in a word, tell Russia where or when we are ready to fight. In answer to this, it would seem our commitments to the United Nations and the North Atlantic Pact give the answer. Those commitments are public documents and Mr. Stassen knows what they are as well as Mr. Truman and the American people know them.

A DREAM DAMAGED

(St. Louis Times-Star)

We are sorry that Florence Chadwick swam the English Channel faster than Gertrude Ederle did in 1926. Glad for Florence's sake, but sad for ours. For Gertrude is a part of the Dramatic Practice, with Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones, Jack Dempsey, Bill Tilden, Knute Rockne and the dreams of universal peace and perpetual prosperity. There were giants on the earth in those days, and happy people, too, even though their bliss may have been based on ignorance and delusion.

The Twenties were rotten underneath, of course. The boom was hollow. The peace was armistice. But the memory of them is getting rosier all the time, and Gertrude is a part of that memory.

Since it doesn't matter whether anybody swims the English Channel, why could we not have been left with the thought that Gertrude was without peer?

EXPENDABLE EXECUTIVES

(Charlotte Observer)

The larger industries are finding that their executive officers are one of their biggest investments, because it takes a long time to train an executive, a long time for him to acquire the maturity of judgment that only experience can give him.

Consequently, some of these industries are having their executives take physical examinations regularly to find out if they need the attention of a doctor for some ailment that they thought was practically nothing but turned out to be a heart condition that might take them off without warning.

Last year General Motors executives, and [illegible] of them heart or circulation disease. The expense of training new men to step into those 29 executive positions, the company has found, is far greater than going to the periodic physical examinations to detect disorders that can be controlled in the early stages.

Many other large companies, such as Consolidated Edison and Standard Oil, are checking up on executive investment just to see that the men take care of themselves, both for their own personal span of life and for the company's profit.

State Senator H. F. Byrd urges that Virginia General Assembly meet oftener.

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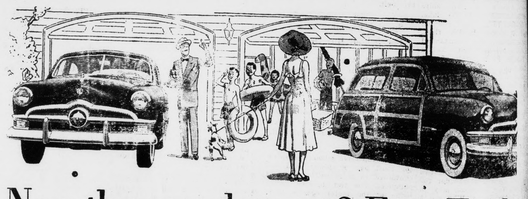

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Liberty Chapel, August 22.- Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Tinsman Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gunter, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and Miss Rachel Lee.

Mrs. John W. Gunter, Mrs. Marvin Coleman, Mrs. Percy Garrett and Mrs. Sam Coleman, Intermediate Sunday School teachers, entertained their classes Saturday night with a weinie roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Loitner, Dr. R. Clayton Pitts and Mrs. Lillian Thornhill. Those visiting in the afternoon were H. C. Thornhill and children, of Lynchburg; Lewis Mann of Buckingham; Miss Mildred Thornhill and Sam Thornhill.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Davidson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and children, Garland Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson. The occasion was in celebration of the birthday of Mrs. J. H. Reynolds.

Mrs. Lillian Thornhill, of Roanoke is visiting in the home of her brother, John W. Gunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phelps and Mrs. Emily Chernault were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hatcher. Mrs. Chernault remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and daughter attended the funeral of Mrs. Thornhill's aunt, Mrs. John Mays, which was held last Sunday at Lovington.

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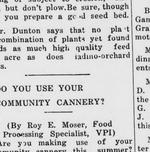

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IT'S TIME TO SEED LADINO - ORCHARD GRASS

If you seed ladino clover and orchard grass now, your livestock will have a lush pasture pantry by early spring.

That's the word from Dr. H. L. Dutton, head of the agronomy department at V. P. I., who points out that on the other hand, if you wait to seed until spring, there'll be no grazing until the late fall of 1951.

Here are his tips:

If you live in Northern Piedmont or West of the Blue Ridge, seed the mixture this month, at the rate of six pounds of orchard grass and one to two pounds of ladino per acre.

If you live in Eastern Virginia or in Southside, seed in September, at the rate of 10 pounds of orchard grass and one to two pounds of ladino per acre.

Be sure, particularly in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont to inoculate the ladino seed, and do not plant them too deep.

Use about 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre of 2-12-12 fertilizer at seeding time.

In preparing a seed bed on land not subject to erosion, plow, disk well, and compact with roller or cultipacker. On land that may be rolling or subject to erosion, disk well, but don't plow.Be sure, though that you prepare a good seed bed.

Dr. Dunton says that no plant or combination of plants yet found yields as much high quality feed per acre as does ladino-orchard grass.

DO YOU USE YOUR COMMUNITY CANNERY?

(By Roy E. Moser, Food Processing Specialist, VPI)

Are you making use of your community cannery this summer? Many are coming to do. These canneries are maintained by the Department of Education for your use, and are usually well supervised by a local vocationaf agricultture teacher. You can make full use of the cannery without charge. Of course, you must provide your own cans, or jars.

As you know, most vegetables must be canned in a pressure cooker to be safe. Every year, cases of food poisoning are reported which can be traced directly to home canned foods. There are probably other cases which never get in the official reports. Some of these cases result only in mild upsets, but others end in death. It doesn't pay to gamble.

By using your community cannery, you can minimize this risk, and also cut down on the other spoilage of your canned foods. These canneries are provided with the proper equipment to can your vegetables safely. Also, you can get instructions in doing the job properly. You won't have to buy a pressure cooker, either.

Some of the canneries are equipped to process glass jars under pressure. However, I would recommend the use of cans. Cans are safer to handle, are easier to process; they do not crack or break; they can be cooled immediately after processing by plunging in cold water, which cuts down the chance of spoilage; and there is no loss of liquid from the can. A hot glass jar can be very dangerous to handle as the danger of breakage is always present with resulting cuts and scalds. Save your jars for canning fruits at home in a water bath.

Visit your community cannery now to see how it can serve you, and then plan to use it to insure your family of a good, wholesome food supply the year around.

SKYLINE DRIVE

Autumn foliage along the Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park will be at its best during the month of October, reaching its climax about October 15, according to records of the Virginia Conservation Commission.

Lynchburger among latest missing in Korea.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, August 22.- Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Doss and children, of Spout Spring visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Howard Glover and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Green and son, Herbert, Mrs. Dorothy Foster, and Miss Gladys Finchner, all of Farmville; also Misses Jackie White and Delorom Gamble.

Mrs. Alfred Reynolds is on the sick list. Also J. R. Hamilton and Z. V. Harvey.

Bill Montgomery, Misses Joan Gamble, Jeanne and Phyllis Legrande and Emmette Paulette all motored to Natural Bridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Gamble were dinner guests Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gamble.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. G. W. Glover. Also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glover, of Crewe called in this home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Milton Hudson and daughter and two children; Mrs. A. Bruce and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples all visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner recently.

A. B. Ferguson has returned home after spending a week with his daughter and family, Mrs. T. D. Harris, of Oakville.

Mrs. David Garrett is able to be out after a recent case of flu.

Mrs. Sam Jennings is visiting her son and family in Christiansburg.

Misses Bessie Ann and Elnora Glover called to see Mrs. W. E. Warriner Monday afternoon.

WARDENS QUERIED ON FISHING CONDITIONS

The Division of Fish has sent questionaires to the county wardens in an attempt to determine the fishing conditions on ponds and streams. Warden's answers will help determine where and how many fish will be stocked during the fall operations of the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. During last fall's operation, more than 130,000 bass were stocked in Virginia's waters. More than half of these fish were of legal size. It is expected that conditions will warrant an equal or greater stocking during the coming fall season.

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